

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT**

Function Category: ☐ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☒ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Management of Human Resources** Heading: **Orientation, Training, and Educating Staff**

Key Word(s): **Competency through Education**

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Hospital: **Patton State Hospital**

Purpose: To provide education to physicians and registered nurses in the area of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) . The focus of education, as required by the American Heart Association, is handling the first 20 minutes of adult cardiac/respiratory arrest. Pre-arrest and post-arrest assessment and treatment is also covered.

Brief Description: The American Heart Association's core curriculum, including ten algorithms, is included in the project. Patton State Hospital's chain of survival is taught and reinforced throughout the project. Actual equipment used at Patton State Hospital is used for practice throughout the project. Nine additional pre-ACLS courses have been developed, as electives, to assist the inexperienced healthcare provider to comprehend the core curriculum.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☒ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☒ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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